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AUDUBON CENTENNIAL YEAR

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 248]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 248) authorizing the President of the United States to issue a proclamation designating 1951 as Audubon Centennial Year, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon, without amendment, and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to authorize the President of the United States to issue a proclamation designating 1951 as Audubon Centennial Year, in observance of the one-hundredth anniversary of the death of John James Audubon.

STATEMENT

John James Audubon was a pioneer in the battle to save from extinction various types of wildlife. He lived in a pioneer era when America's natural resources seemed as limitless as the horizons to the west.

Consequently, it is not surprising that in 1886 an organization was founded "for the protection of American birds not used for food" and that this organization should take for its name the "Audubon Society." At present, the Audubon Society and its affiliated organizations across the continent constitute one of the greatest conservation organizations of its kind in the world. The major purpose of the society is to advance public understanding of the value and need of conservation of soil,

water, plants, and wildlife and the relation of their intelligent treatment and wise use to human welfare.

The committee believes that this legislation, giving just recognition to the pioneer conservationist, will serve as a major incentive to the fine organization which bears his name to continue its excellent work. It is for this reason that the committee recommends approval of the proposed legislation.

